



# QXF Conductor and Cable

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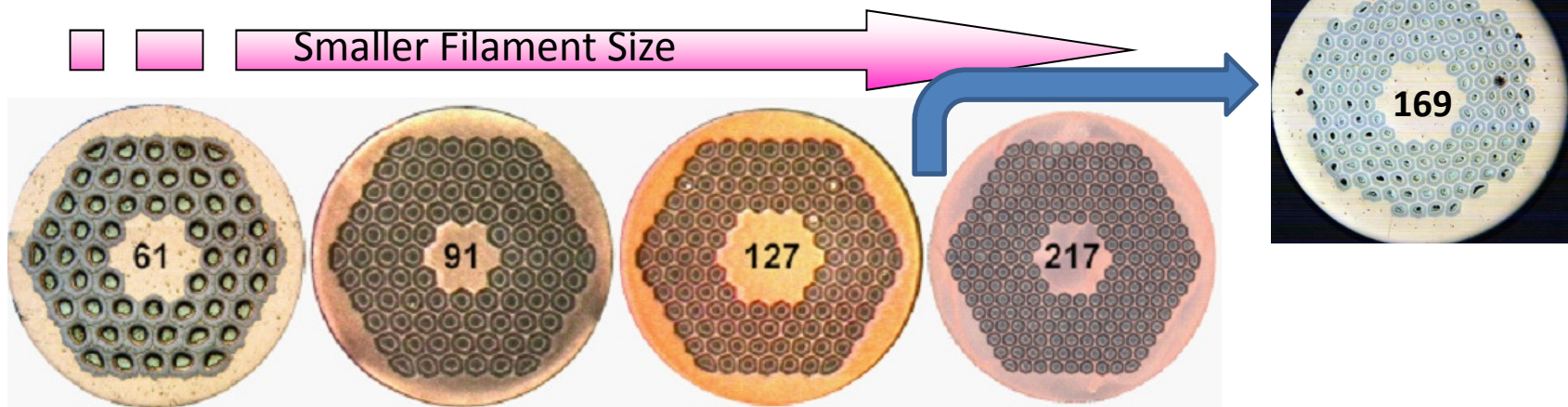


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# Introduction

- The long 90 mm quad-magnet LQS01 used 0.7 mm RRP® 54/61 Ta-Ternary strand from Oxford Superconducting Technology
- Subsequent LQ and HQ magnets used 108/127 strands
  - Smaller sub-elements minimizes flux jumps and improves stability.
  - Leads to smaller Filament Magnetization
    - Impacts error fields at injection

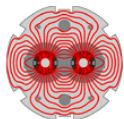




# RRP® 108/127

- 108/127, 0.7 mm first delivery of 90 kg in Feb-2008 under CDP contract
  - Used in TQS03 – a very successful 90 mm magnet
- 2009-2012 substantial wire produced at 0.7 mm for LQ and 0.8 (0.778 mm) for the 120 mm quad, HQ
  - Ta-Ternary :  $(\text{Nb} - 7.5 \text{ wt.\% Ta})_3\text{Sn}$
  - 1300 Kg produced for LARP
    - Successful LQ03 and HQ02 magnets
- 108/127 Ti-Ternary : CDP development 2009
  - Uses Nb and Nb-Ti rods (provides Ti source) in sub-element
  - Exhibits higher strain tolerance than Ta-Ternary
- 2012-2013 : 410 Kg of Ti-Ternary wire manufactured
  - Good piece length at 0.85 mm diameter



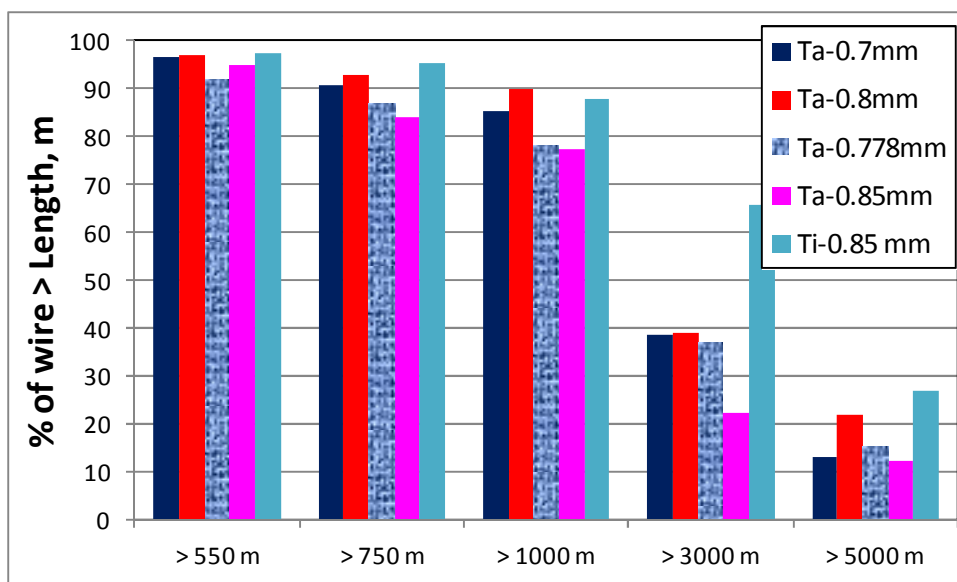


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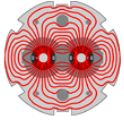


# OST production of 108/127 for LARP

Km	Kg	Type/Dia	% of wire > Length, m					# Billets	Billet Yield, Kg
			> 550 m	> 750 m	> 1000 m	> 3000 m	> 5000 m		
78	264	Ta-0.7mm	96.7	90.8	85.3	38.7	13.1	9	31
62	260	Ta-0.8mm	97.1	92.8	89.8	39.0	21.8	9	29
136	570	Ta-0.778mm	92.0	86.9	78.3	37.1	15.1	21	27
41	206	Ta-0.85mm	95.0	83.9	77.5	22.4	12.3	8	26
83	410	Ti-0.85 mm	97.6	95.2	87.9	65.6	26.9	12	34



Ti-Ternary piece-length better than Ta-Ternary

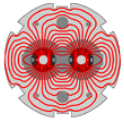


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# Performance Highlights of Ta-108/127

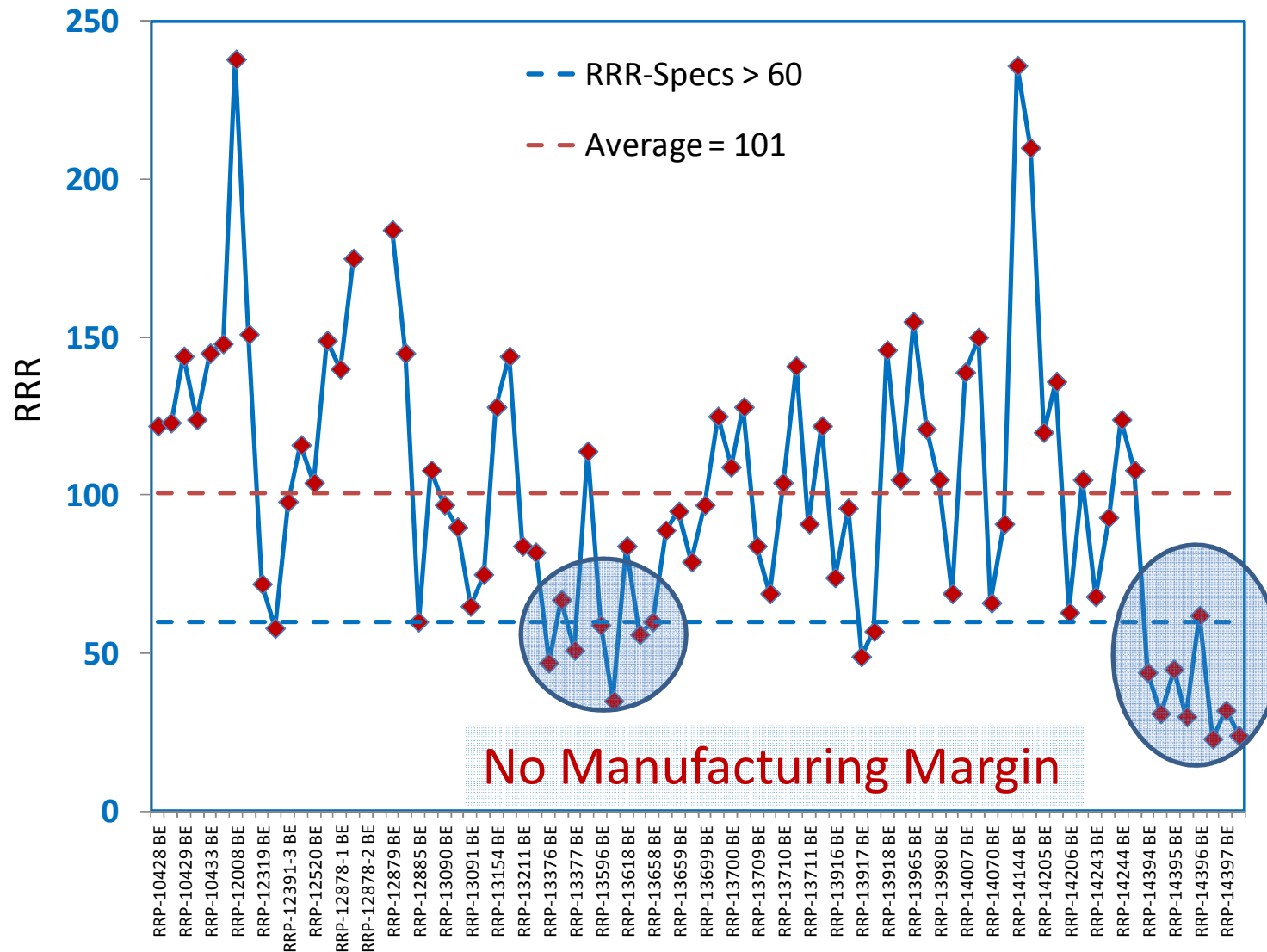
- OST qualified wires using the following HT schedule
  - 210°C/48h + 400°C/48h + 665°C/50h
- Overall, a very large fraction of the billets surpassed the  $J_c$  (non-Cu critical current density) minimum of 2650 A/mm<sup>2</sup> at 12 T, 4.2 K.
- However, there was little manufacturing margin in meeting the RRR (Residual Resistance Ratio of copper stabilizer) minimum of 60.
  - To meet the specs. the HT temperature had to be lowered to 650 °C/48h or lower.  $J_c$  is lower at the lower temperatures.
- For the LQ coils (0.7 mm) the reaction temperature was further reduced to 640 °C/48h so that the RRR of extracted strands was > 60, and for HQ (0.778 mm), 650 °C/48h was used to maintain a RRR > 100.

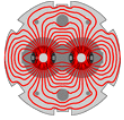


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# OST data 0.8/0.778 mm 108/127





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# Optimizing Sn-content for RRR control

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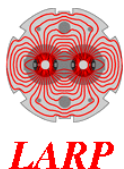
## *Optimizing Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Conductors for High Field Applications*

Michael B. Field, Youzhu Zhang, Hanping Miao, Michael Gerace and Jeffery A. Parrell

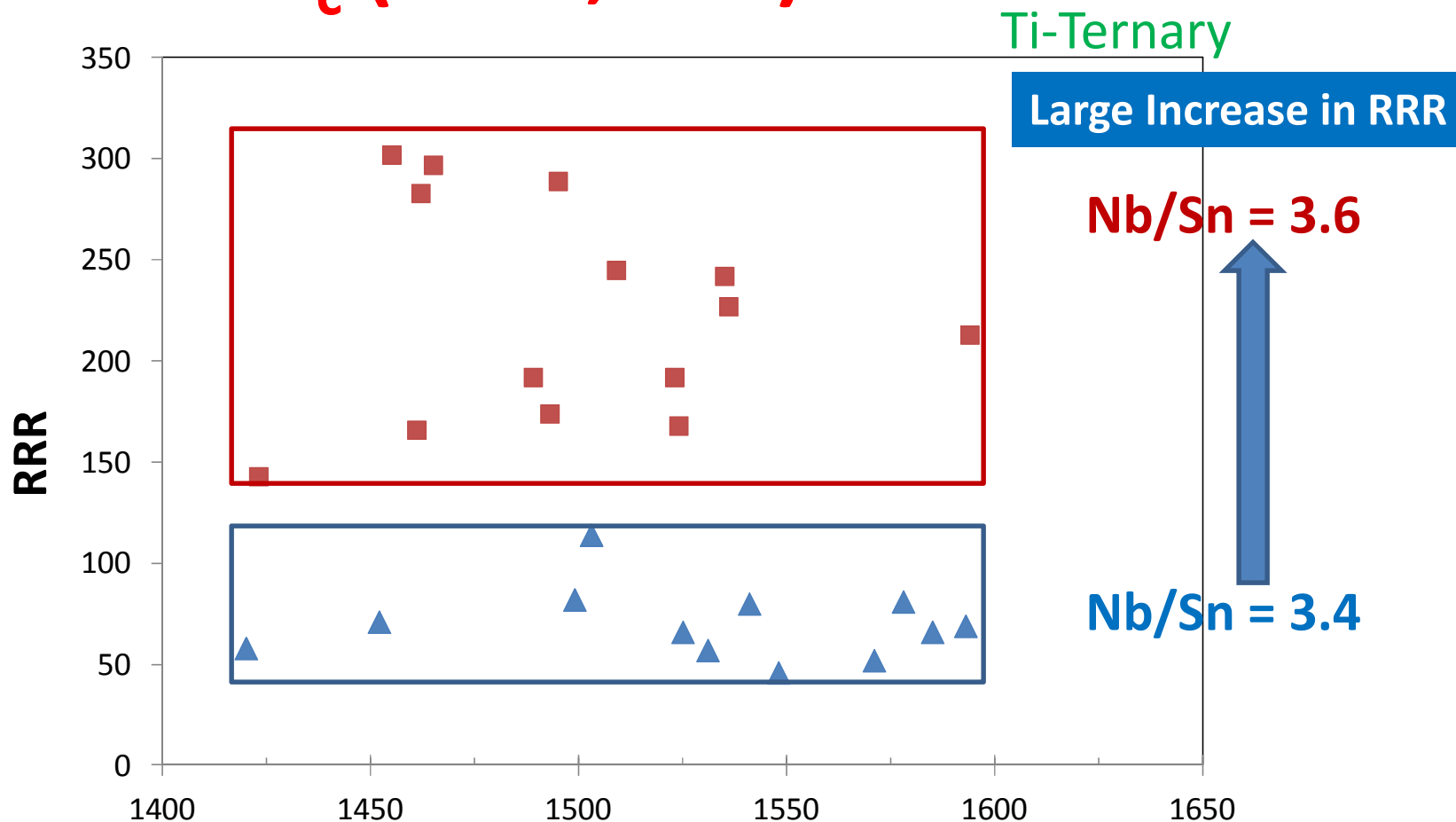
“As an example of what is possible to achieve through fine control of the Nb:Sn ratio, we produced several hundred kilograms of Ti doped 0.778 mm diameter ( $D_s = 50 \mu m$ ) strand, with half of the billets receiving a Nb:Sn atomic ratio of 3.4:1, and half the billets with reduced tin so as to raise the Nb:Sn ratio to 3.6:1. As demonstrated in Fig. 3, the effect was substantial on the samples given a 650 °C/50 hr peak heat treatment, **with a nearly three-fold increase in average RRR and little corresponding sacrifice in  $J_c$  at 12 T.**”

LARP 400 kg lot order





# OST Data for 0.778 mm wire $J_c$ (4.2 K, 15T) vs. RRR

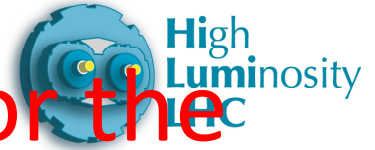


Non-Cu  $J_c$  (15T, 4.2K), A/mm<sup>2</sup>  
2 year development cycle



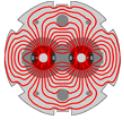
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# Strand Functional Specification for the HiLumi Project

- In late Oct'2013 we had an internal LARP-CERN review of the strand and cable for the MQXF magnets.
- Subsequently within a Conductor Working Group with members from CERN and LARP we agreed on a set of functional requirements for the strand and cable
- In the very near future these requirements will be codified in a Conceptual Specification document that will be in the CERN EDMS system for the HiLumi-LHC Project.



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# Functional Specification for QXF Strand

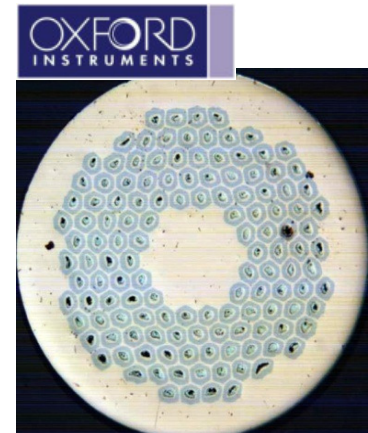
<b>Process</b>	<b>Ti-Ternary RRP<sup>®</sup> Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn</b>	Reduced-Sn content to obtain high RRR
<b>Strand Diameter, mm</b>	<b>0.85 ± .003</b>	
<b>I<sub>c</sub>(15 T) at 4.2 K, A</b>	<b>&gt; 361</b>	$J_c(15\text{ T}) > 1400\text{ A/mm}^2$
<b>n-value</b>	<b>&gt; 30</b>	
<b>D<sub>s</sub>, μm (sub-element diameter)</b>	<b>&lt; 50</b>	132/169
<b>Cu : Non-Cu volume Ratio</b>	<b>1.2 ± 0.1</b>	
<b>RRR (after full reaction)</b>	<b>≥ 150</b>	Residual Resistivity Ratio
<b>Twist Pitch, mm</b>	<b>19 ± 2</b>	
<b>Twist Direction</b>	<b>Right-hand screw</b>	
<b>Strand Spring Back, deg.</b>	<b>&lt; 720</b>	
<b>Magnetization Width at 3 T, 4.2 K, mT</b>	<b>&lt; 300</b>	
<b>Minimum Piece length, m</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>High temperature HT duration, h</b>	<b>≥ 48</b>	

# 132/169 design wire

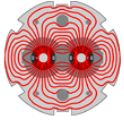
- Motivation for adopting 132/169 design wire
  - OST has accumulated considerable manufacturing experience making strand for FNAL and CERN

Table of Sub-element diameter in  $\mu\text{m}$

Strand		Cu/Non-Cu= 1.2			
Design	54/61	84/91	108/127	132/169	192/217
			# of Sub-elements		
$D_w$ , mm	54	84	108	132	192
0.9	83	66	58	53	44
0.85	78	63	55	50	41
0.778	71	57	50	46	38
0.7	64	52	45	41	34



- 0.85 mm strand with 132 filaments *has the same sub-element size as* 0.778 mm with 108 filaments used in HQ



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# RRP 132/169 production for CERN

Slide from Amalia Ballarino/CERN

		Quantity Procured (km)		
	Wire $\Phi$ (mm)	RRP® 132/169	PIT 114	PIT 192
FRESCA 2	1	10+15+18+45	-	1+9+15+15+45
Hi-Lumi Quad	0.85	5 + 35	-	5 + 35
11 T	0.7	30 + 150	3 + 22.4* + 50	-
Total length		308	75.4	125



1.29 tons RRP® 132/169



# Hi-Lumi quadrupole RRP<sup>®</sup> strand ( $\Phi=0.85$ mm)



**RRP 132/169**

Slide from Amalia Ballarino/CERN

Billet ID 0.85 mm 132/169	Jc (4.2 K,15T) A/mm <sup>2</sup> OST	Jc (4.2 K,12T) A/mm <sup>2</sup> OST	Jc (4.2 K,12T) A/mm <sup>2</sup> CERN	RRR CERN
14842	1512/1498	2888/2900	2830/2752	160/212
14393	1440/1451	2881/2877	2808/2744 2776/2666	232/186 201/196
14310	1510/1598	2966/3023	2757/2820	210/215
14839	1463/1425	2842/2835	2800	189
Average value	1490 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	2900 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	2770 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	180

Cu/non Cu ratio: 1.21 -1.35

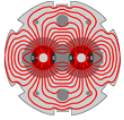
50 hours at 640 °C



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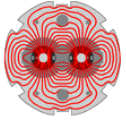
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High  
Luminosity  
LHC

# Implementing 132/169 in LARP

- For LARP QXF magnet
  - SQXF1 Magnet will use 108/127 strand
  - Presenting a plan to use 169-strand in SQXF3 and in LQXF magnets
- With CDP funds, contracts at OST:
  - FY-13 190 kg of 132 filament strand with “Reduced-Sn” (in-manufacture)
  - FY’14 350 kg of 132 filament strand with “Reduced-Sn”(PO pending)
  - FY’15 250 kg of 132 filament strand with “Reduced-Sn” (planned)
  - FY’16 250 kg of 132 filament strand with “Reduced-Sn” (under discussion with CDP?)
- LARP has an existing PO of 255 Kg for 108/127 meeting the specification shown previously
  - Converted to 169- strand with “reduced-Sn”. 10% increase in cost
- Additional orders to be placed in FY15 and FY16:
  - 1300 Kg, in two lots of 550 Kg (or 300 ?) and 650 Kg



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# Procurement Plan for QXF magnets

## SQXF

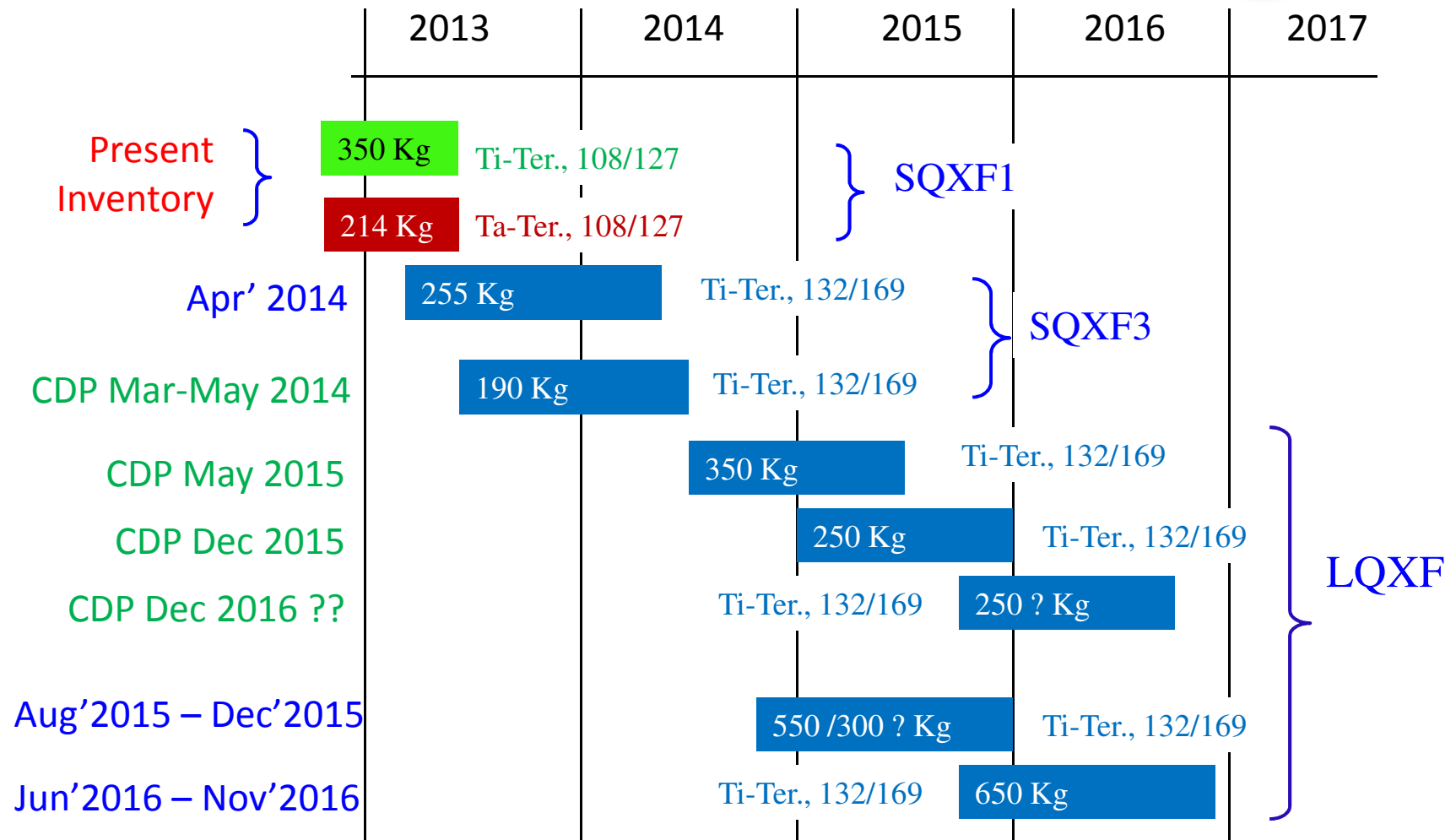
- Require 11 + 2 PC coils for SQXF; unit length (UL) 170 m
  - Assuming 10% loss in strand from cable mapping
  - Total length of strand for SQXF: ~ 94 km (470 Kg)
- PC coils use 108/127 Ta-Ternary (in inventory)
- SQXF1: 6 coils, 108/127 Ti-Ternary (in inventory)
- SQXF3: 5 coils, 132/169 (strand in process)

## LQXF

- Require 16 + 2 PC coils for LQXF; unit length (UL) 450 m
  - Total length required for LQXF: ~ 353 km (1760 Kg)
- PC: 1 UL, 108/127 (in inventory), 1 UL, 132/169 (strand in process)
- C03: mirror test (strand in process)
- C04-C18 (to be ordered within LARP and CDP)



# Procurement plan 0.85 mm strand



5 Kg is equivalent to 1 km of wire

Typical present RRP billet yield is ~ 35 Kg / 7Km



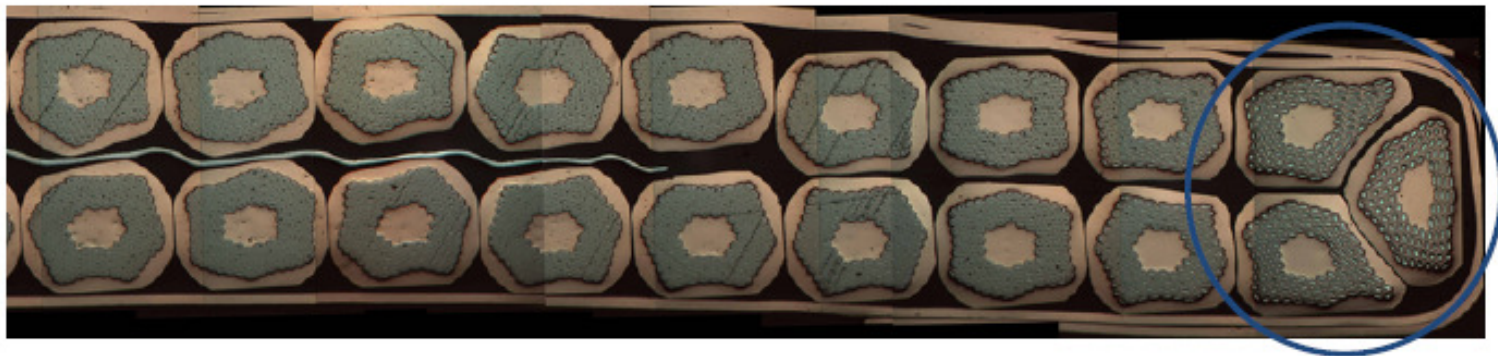
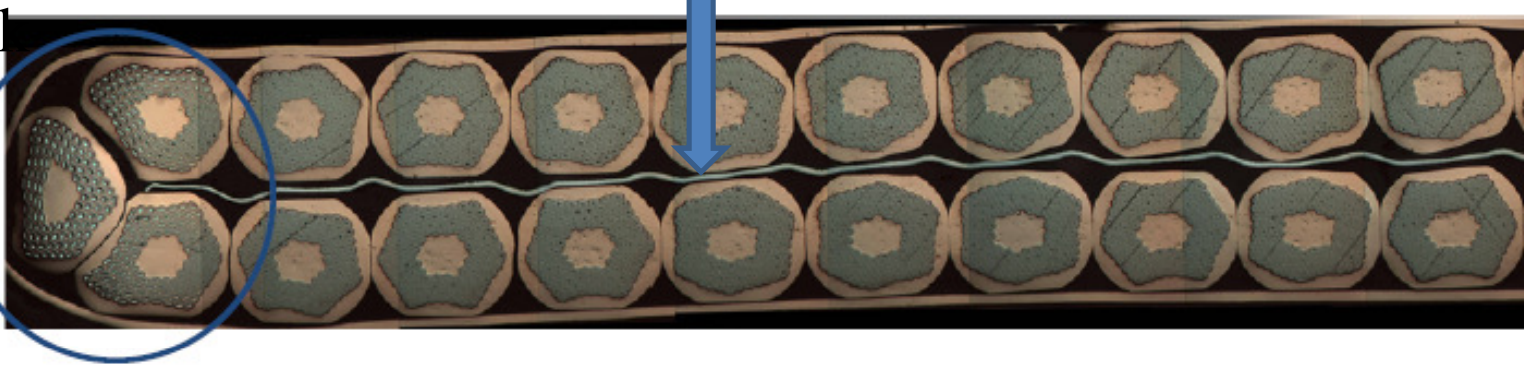
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# 18 mm wide 40 strand QXF cable Development at LBNL and CERN

SS Core to reduce Eddy Current losses

Thick  
edge



Width =	17.95 mm
Thickness =	1.50 mm
PL =	95.5 mm

Cable 1042Z-12

Thin  
Edge



# Cabling Trade-offs

- Minimize the amount of strand damage
  - Less compaction
  - Can lead to mechanically unstable cable for coil winding
- Increase mechanical stability of cable
  - More compaction and deformation of strands
  - More strand damage - Reduced critical current and RRR (Sub-element shear leading to barrier thinning and barrier breakage causing Sn leak into copper and reducing RRR)
  - LBNL is using a Strand Damage Score to evaluate damage to sub-elements using microscopy of cable x-sections

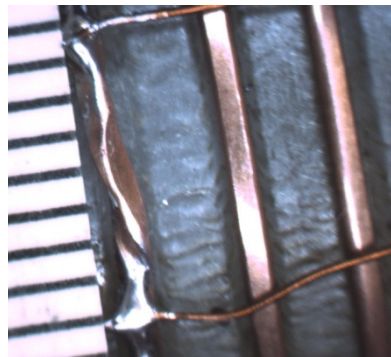
Wire ID	RRR
<b>B1042Z-11-ES-3-Minor</b>	<b>68</b>
B1042Z-11-ES-3-Major	<b>91</b>
<b>B1042Z-11-ES-3-Minor</b>	<b>80</b>
B1042Z-11-ES-3-Major	<b>92</b>
<b>B1042Z-11-ES-3-Minor</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>B1042Z-11-ES-3-SS</b>	<b>166</b>

These damage lead to mostly RRR degradation of the copper stabilizer at the edges of the cable. Low RRR can lead to conductor instability due to “magnetization” and “self-field” effects. Target is to maintain  $RRR > 100$  at the “kinks”



**Example of sub-element shearing and barrier rupture**

V-tap configuration to measure RRR at edges







## Draft Specification for LARP/CERN QXF Cable

- Number of strands 40
- Mid-thickness 1.525 mm +/- 0.010 mm
- Width 18.15 mm +/- 0.050 mm
- K.S. angle 0.55 deg. +/- 0.10 deg.
- Pitch Length 109 mm +/- 3 mm
- Core Material Annealed 316L SS
- Core Width 12.5 -14.7 mm (TBD)
- Core thickness 0.025 mm
- Cables, made with RRP strands, using these parameters are not fully mechanically stable during coil winding
  - Occasional “popped strands”
- At this time cables are being managed during coil winding by using a winding block and ceramic binder on the fiberglass insulation (see Presentation by Miao Yu)





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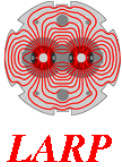
- Insulation is braided directly on cable
  - New England Wire Technology (NEWT)
- Using S-2<sup>®</sup> glass (from AGY) with 933 Silane sizing
  - Product literature: 933 sizing is stable at processing of temperature of 670°F and above
  - Trials at LBNL show that 2% by weight is lost by heat treating at 665C
  - CERN is also braiding with the same yarn.
  - Tests at CERN to 650°C show no decomposition of the sizing.
  - Compatible with CTD-101K Epoxy



*"Improved S-2 Glass Fabric Insulation for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Rutherford Cable"*

Raymond Blackburn, David Fecko, Andrew Jaisle, Al McInturff, Peter McIntyre, and Tom Story

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON APPLIED SUPERCONDUCTIVITY, VOL. 18, NO. 2, JUNE 2008, p 1391



# Braided Insulation

- HQ03 used cable with braided insulation,  $0.100 \pm 0.005$  mm thick. Braided insulation replaced pre-fabricated sleeve used in LARP magnets
- Several lengths of QXF cable has been insulated
  - Using braiding parameters to yield target specification of  $0.145 \pm 0.005$  mm thickness (CERN driven requirement for electrical insulation)
  - 10-stack measurements at 5 MPa are used to determine insulation thickness
  - Thickness can be readily adjusted to meet any change to present specification.



# Strand Procurement and Cabling Schedule

- For LARP QXF magnet
  - Procurement and Cabling schedule set by the demands of coil fabrication
- Cabling start is set 4 months before start of coil winding
  - Typical time for cabling at LBNL is 2 weeks
  - Braided Insulation at New England Wire
    - 2- 4 weeks
- Strand procurement time is presently at 13 months
  - Partial delivery starts as early as 9 months for large orders



# Summary

- RRP<sup>®</sup> wire can meet  $I_c$  spec with adequate margin
- The “reduced-Sn” design change increases RRR control with minimal loss of  $J_c$ .
  - Implemented for all billets in process and future procurements.
- Strand Specification for MQXF wire will soon be formalized in the CERN EDMS system for the HiLumi Project
- LARP plan implements 132/169-strand in SQXF3 magnet and all LQXF prototypes.
- Strand procurement has been planned to meet cable manufacture and coil winding schedule.
- We have a 1<sup>st</sup> iteration of the cable parameters. Final parameters will be set after sufficient cabling experience – June’14
- Specification and Production QA plan to be finalized this fiscal year for strand, cable and insulation



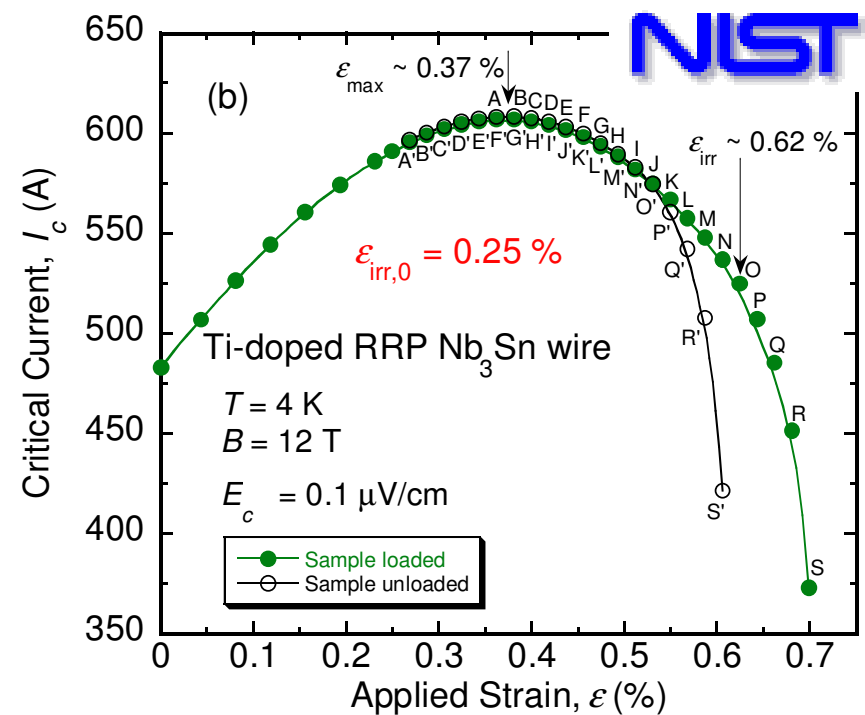
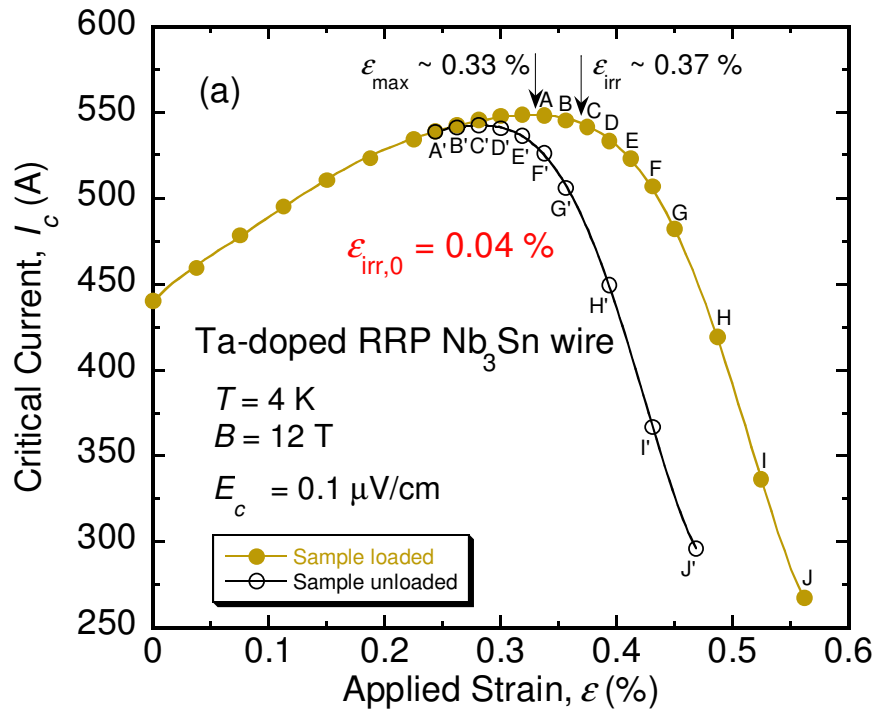
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# Extra Slides

# Ta-Ternary vs. Ti-Ternary

## 0.7 mm strand from CDP



Ti-doped Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wire more strain tolerant than Ta-doped

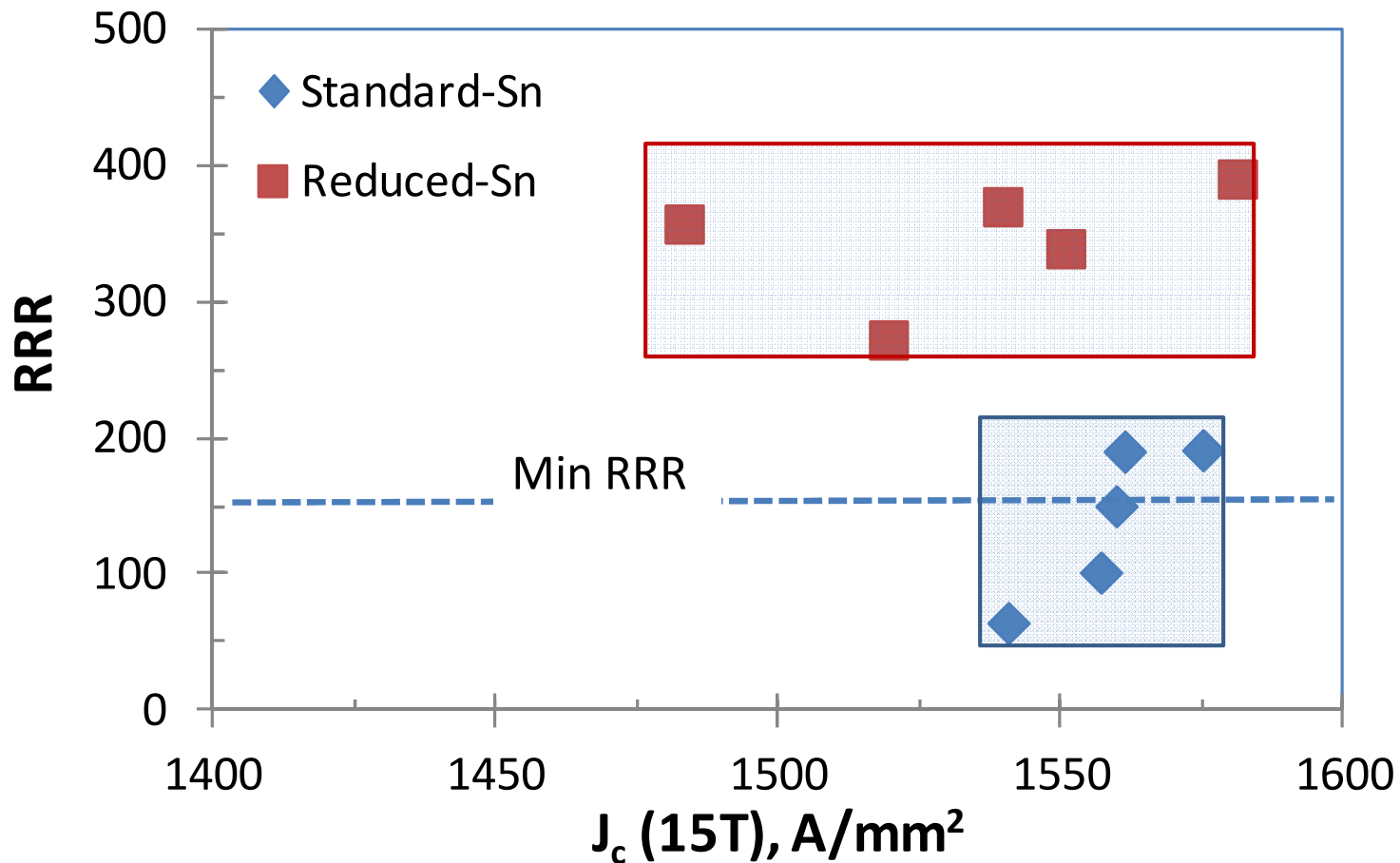
This has been confirmed for 0.8 mm (Nb-1.5 at% Ti)<sub>3</sub>-Sn strand  $\epsilon_{irr} = 0.32\text{-}0.35 \%$  as well as strands with 108 and 192 filaments. Expect 169 design to be similar.

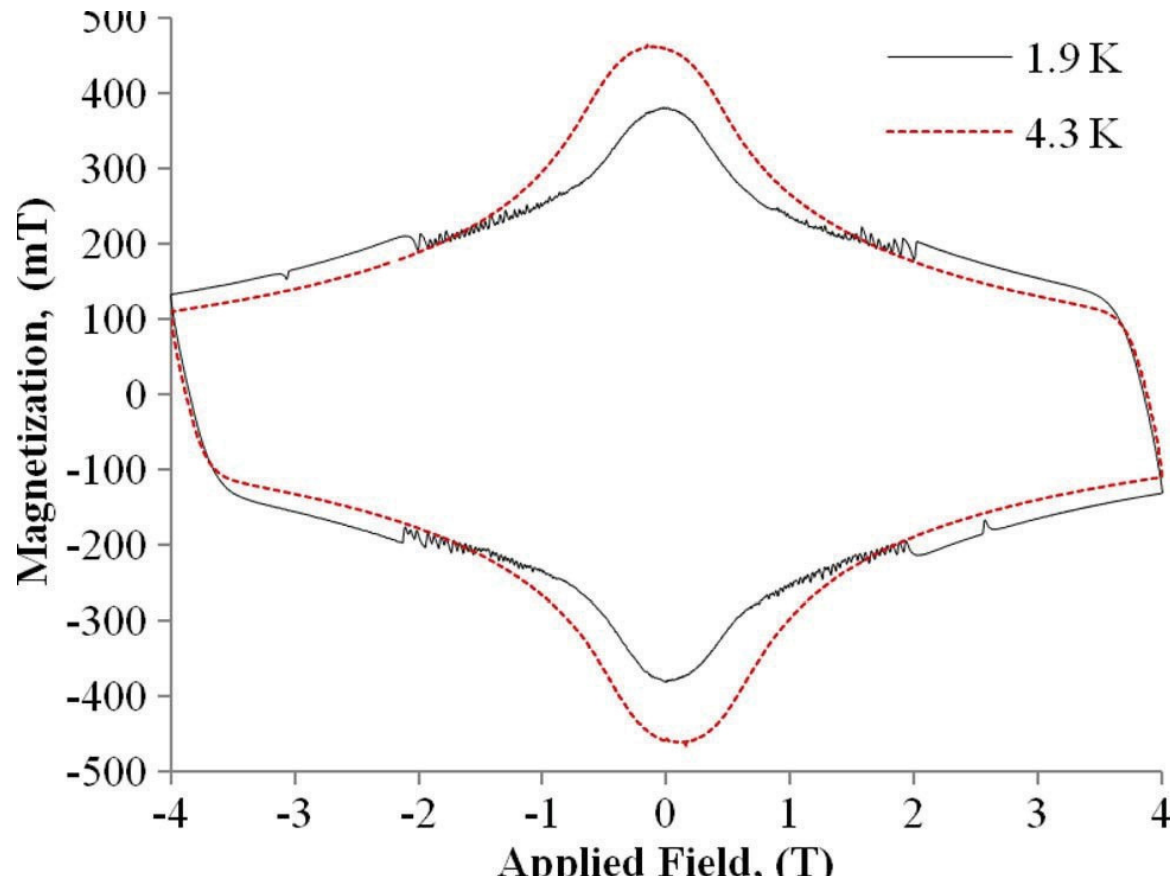
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# $J_c$ (4.2 K, 15T) and RRR for 0.85 mm Ti-Ternary wire (LARP Data)

210C/48h + 400C/48h + 640C/72h





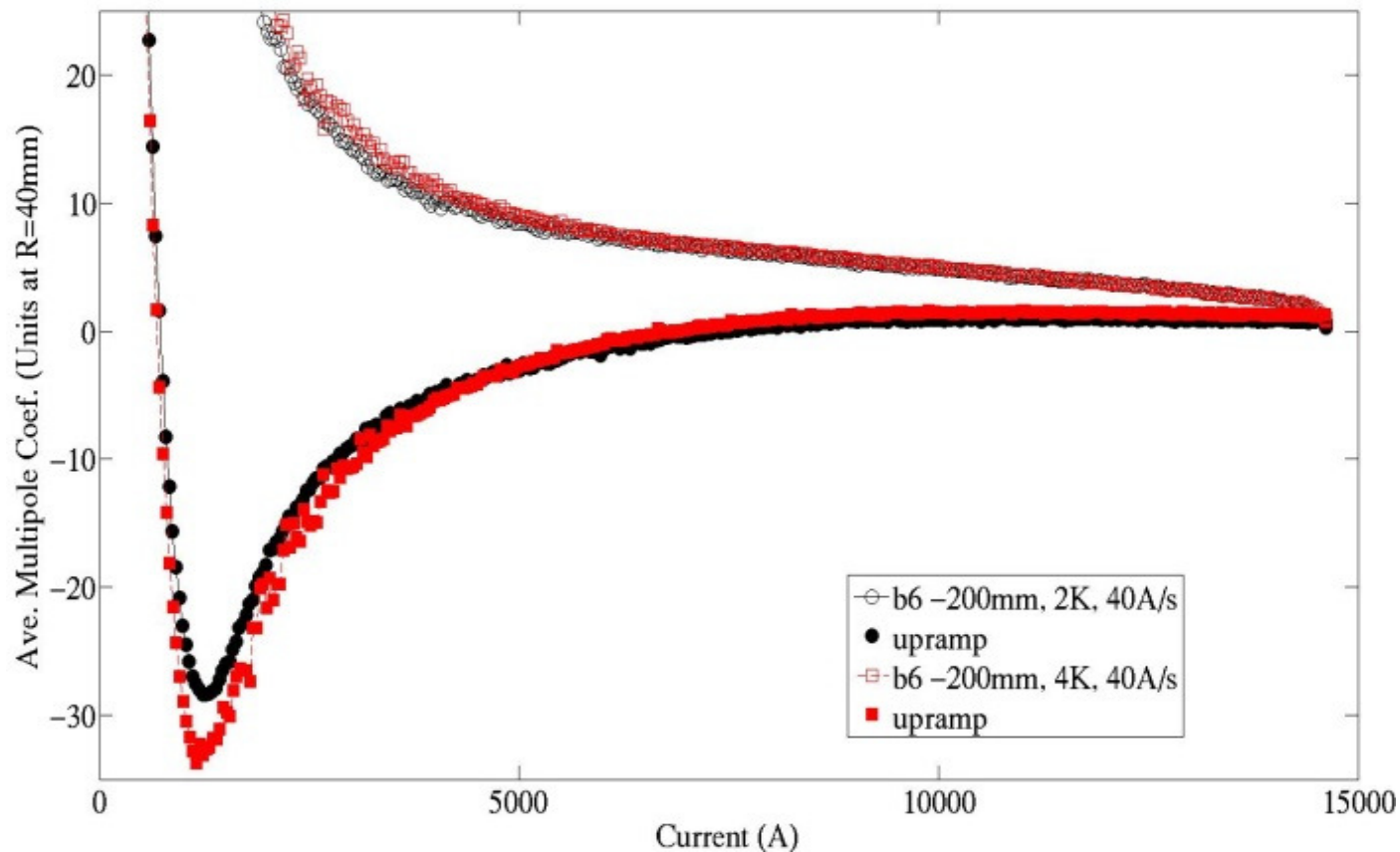
### Magnetization as a function of applied field for 108/127 Ti-doped sample

Magnetization Measurements of High- $J_c$  Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Strands  
B. Bordini et al., *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.*, vol. 23, pp. 7100806, 2013

# Harmonic Field b6 in HQ02 4 K and 2 K

Strand is 0.778 mm, 108/127

Flux-jump effect decreases from 4.2 to 2 K



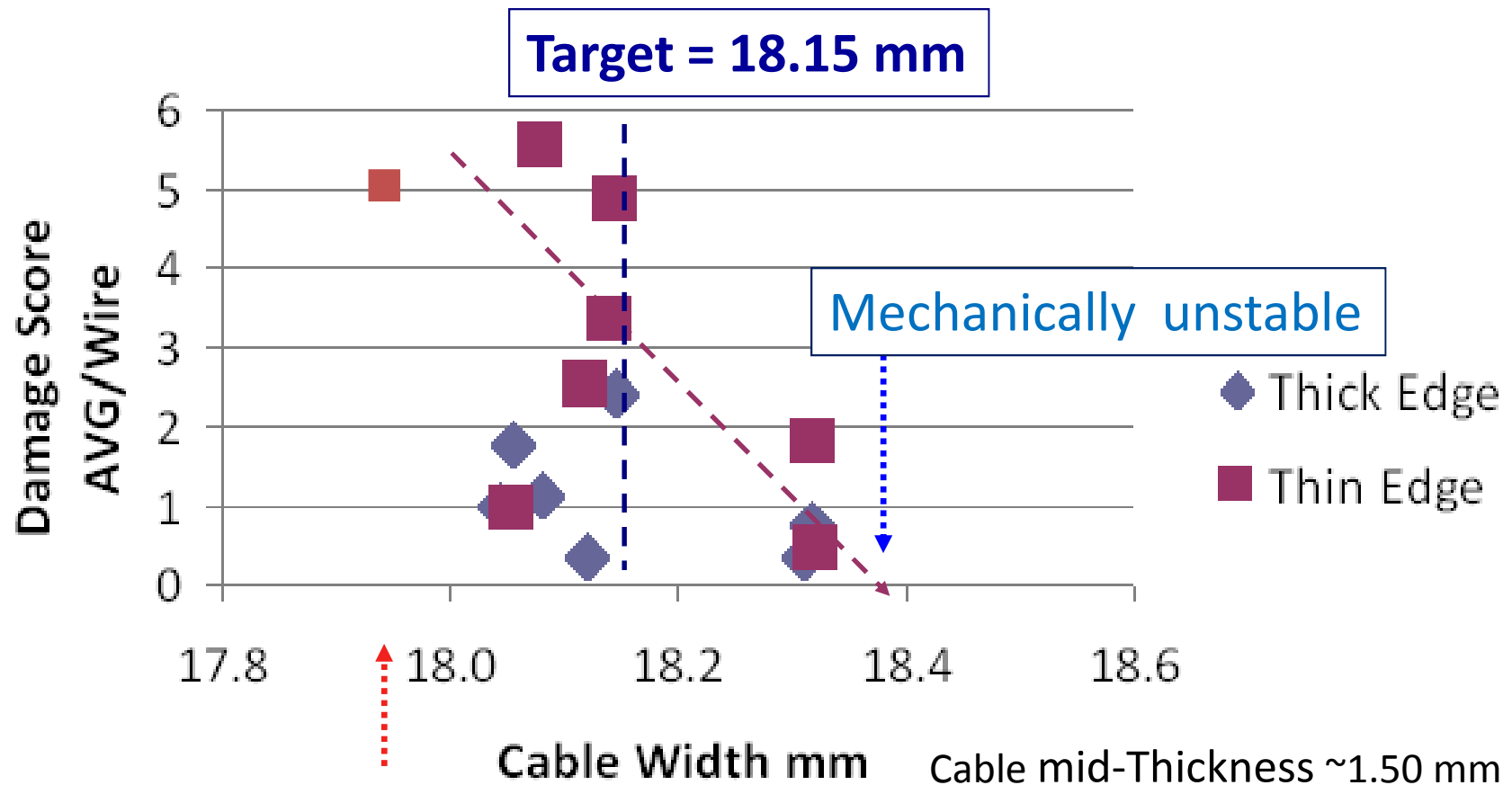


# Taken from Project Schedule

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
CDP Procurement 1, 180 kg	262 days	Thu 5/23/13	Fri 5/30/14
LARP Procurement 1, 275 kg	288 days	Mon 3/25/13	Tue 5/6/14
CDP Procurement 2, 350 kg	286 days	Fri 4/11/14	Fri 5/29/15
CDP Procurement 3, 250 kg	300 days	Mon 10/13/14	Mon 12/21/15
LARP Procurement 2, 550 kg	300 days	Mon 10/13/14	Mon 12/21/15
LARP Procurement 3, 650 Kg	250 days	Thu 10/15/15	Tue 10/11/16

# Damage Score vs. QXF Cable Width

Pitch Length of 109 mm



Need 17.95 mm width for  
Mechanical stability



# Cable Risk and Impact on Magnets

## 1. Strand stability (High risk)

- Want high stability current
- **Require minimum RRR > 100 at kinks of extracted strands**
- RRR > 150 in strand to assist in getting RRR > 100 at kinks

## 2. Cable winding stability (Medium risk)

- Assume cable can be managed cable during coil winding

## 3. Strand $I_c$ loss due to cabling, < 5 % (Low risk)

- $I_c$  of extracted strands at 12 T, 4.2 K ~730 A
- $I_c$  at 140 T/m operation at 12 T, 1.9 K ~440A

## 4. Stress sensitivity of cable with damaged strands (**Unknown Risk**)

## QC-Plan

